

## PATENT APPLICATION

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY****Original Application**

As below named inventors, we declare that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in this Declaration, that the information given herein is true, that we believe that we are an original, first and joint inventor of the invention entitled:

**MECHANISM FOR IMPLEMENTING A SPARSE FILE SYSTEM  
FOR AN OPERATING SYSTEM PARTITION**

which is described and claimed in:

X the attached specification or  
\_\_\_\_\_ the specification in application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of Prior Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_, and may be considered to disclose and claim subject matter in addition to  
that disclosed in the Prior Application, and I hereby claim the benefit of 35 U.S.C. Section 120.

that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56 and defined on the attached sheet, which is material to the examination of this application, that we do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application and that as to applications for patent or inventor's certificate filed by us or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America, the earliest filed foreign application(s) filed within twelve months prior to the filing date of this application and all foreign applications filed more than twelve months prior to the filing date of this application, if any, are identified below.

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- X No earlier-filed foreign applications.  
 \_\_\_ Required information as to foreign applications filed prior to filing date of this application is on page 4 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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